

MINUTES
December 23, 2009
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Jeff Goltz, Chairman
Philip Jones, Commissioner
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The Regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on December 23, 2009, by Chairman Goltz.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

A)1. 2:37 Docket Number UE-091703; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Schedule 95A, the Production Tax Credit Tracker. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Roland Martin, staff; Stephanie Johnson, AAG, Public Counsel

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order suspending proposed Schedule 95A-Production Tax Credit Tracker tariff revisions filed by the company.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)2. 7:24 Docket Number UE-091859; Puget Sound Energy; Proposes a 29 percent increase over the 2008-2009 spending for the 2010-2011 Electric Conservation program budget. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to take no action, thereby allowing Puget Sound Energy's conservation program tariff filing to become effective on January 1, 2010, by operation of law, and direct staff to open an investigation into the program descriptions,

budgets, cost-effectiveness, and evaluation as described in Appendices A, B, C, and D of the company's tariffs. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (:)

A)3. 7:24 Docket Number UG-091860; Puget Sound Energy; Proposes a 12 percent increase over the 2008-2009 spending for the 2010-2011 Natural Gas Conservation program budget. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to take no action, thereby allowing Puget Sound Energy's conservation program tariff filing to become effective on January 1, 2010, by operation of law, and direct staff to open an investigation into the program descriptions, budgets, cost-effectiveness, and evaluation as described in Appendices A, B, C, and D of the company's tariffs. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 47:33 Docket Number UW-091751; Camano Hills Water Company; General rate increase that will generate \$40,150 (41 percent) in additional annual revenue. This filing shifts rate design from five usage blocks to three usage blocks, and adds upsize meters. The company serves about 155 residential and upsize meter customers in Island County. The company's last general rate increase was January 1, 2007. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order Suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by the company on November 9, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091728; Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc. dba: Olympic Disposal; Revises Tariff No. 23, reflecting an increase in disposal fees set by the City of Port Angeles. Disposal fees will increase from \$91.35 per ton to \$98.20 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$97,200 additional annual revenue. The increased disposal fees affect only the company's approximately 8,300 customers in Clallam County and the west side of Jefferson County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order granting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520 and allowing the proposed tariffs to become effective by operation of law on January 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc., d/b/a Olympic Disposal, on November 5, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)2. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091729; Island Disposal, Inc.; Revises Tariff Number 8 reflecting an increase in disposal fees set by Island County. Disposal fees will increase from \$104.25 per ton to \$109.00 per ton for compacted municipal solid waste and from \$110.00 per ton to \$115.00 per ton for loose municipal solid waste effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$63,994 in additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 10,500 customers in Island County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order granting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520 and allowing the proposed tariffs to become effective by operation of law on January 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Island Disposal, Inc., on November 6, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)3. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091745; Excess Disposal, Inc., dba: Excess Disposal Service; Revises Tariff No. 14, reflecting an increase in disposal rates set by Pend Oreille County. Disposal fees will increase from \$92 per ton to \$104 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$50,432 in additional revenue. The company provides service to approximately 964 customers in Pend Oreille County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order granting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520 and allowing the proposed tariffs to become effective by operation of law on January 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Excess Disposal, Inc., d/b/a Excess Disposal Service, on November 9, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)4. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091761; Basin Disposal of Yakima, LLC; Revises Tariff No. 5, reflecting increased disposal fees set by Yakima County. Disposal fees will increase

from \$27.03 per ton to \$30.89 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$22,000 in additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 2,665 customers in Yakima County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending the tariffs, allowing rates to become effective January 1, 2010, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and requiring the companies comply with the requirements of WAC 480-07-520 by March 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Basin Disposal of Yakima, LLC, on November 9, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)5. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091764; Basin Disposal of Washington, LLC, dba: Basin Disposal of Walla Walla; Revises Tariff No. 13, reflecting an increase in disposal fees set by Walla Walla County. Disposal fees are increasing from \$51.45 per ton to \$59.17 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$21,000 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 4,764 customers in Walla Walla County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending the tariffs, allowing rates to become effective January 1, 2010, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and requiring the companies comply with the requirements of WAC 480-07-520 by March 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Basin Disposal of Washington, LLC, d/b/a Basin Disposal of Walla Walla, on November 10, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)6. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091769; Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., dba: City Sanitary Co.; Joe's Refuse Service; White Pass Garbage Co.; Revises Tariff Number 9.3 (Joe's Refuse Service) reflecting an increase in disposal fees set by Thurston County. Disposal fees will increase from \$80 per ton to \$110 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$229,000 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 3,700 customers in southern Thurston County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending the tariffs, allowing rates to become effective January 1, 2010, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and requiring the companies comply with the requirements of WAC 480-07-520 by March 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Joe's Refuse Service, on November 10, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)7. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091774; Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. dba: Rural Garbage Service; Revises Tariff No. 13, reflecting increased disposal fees set by Thurston County. Disposal fees are increasing from \$80.00 per ton to \$110.00 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$211,000 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 3,842 customers in Thurston County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending the tariffs, allowing rates to become effective January 1, 2010, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and requiring the companies comply with the requirements of WAC 480-07-520 by March 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Rural Garbage Service, on November 12, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)8. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091775; Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.; Revises Tariff No. 10, reflecting increased disposal fees set by Yakima County. Disposal fees will increase from \$27.03 per ton to \$30.89 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$338,575 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 21,000 customers in Yakima County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending the tariffs, allowing rates to become effective January 1, 2010, on a temporary basis, subject to refund, and requiring the companies comply with the requirements of WAC 480-07-

520 by March 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Yakima Waste Systems, Inc., on November 12, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)9. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091777; Waste Management of Washington, Inc., dba: Waste Management of Skagit County; Revises Tariff No. 17, reflecting increased disposal fees set by Skagit County and Island County. Disposal fees will increase from \$83.00 per ton to \$89.00 per ton in Skagit County and from \$104.25 per ton to \$109.00 per ton in Island County effective January 1, 2010. The increases are expected to generate approximately \$135,787 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 10,263 customers in Skagit County and approximately 3,525 customers in Island County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order granting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520 and allowing the proposed tariffs to become effective by operation of law on January 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Waste Management of Washington, Inc., d/b/a Waste Management of Skagit County, on November 12, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)10. 49:02 Docket Number TG-091780; Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., dba: Butlers Cove Refuse Service; Pacific Disposal; Revises Tariff Number 8, reflecting an increase in disposal fees set by Thurston County. Disposal fees will increase from \$80 per ton to \$110 per ton effective January 1, 2010. The increase is expected to generate approximately \$1,589,656 additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste collection service to approximately 43,142 customers in Thurston County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order granting an exemption from WAC 480-70-520 and allowing the proposed tariffs to become effective by operation of law on January 1, 2010, for tariffs filed by Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Disposal and Butlers Cove Refuse Service, on November 12, 2009. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attested by _____
David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary